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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Five guns and 5 trucks which had arrived at Garz airfield during the night of 8/9 August 1955 apparently left during the night of 14/15 August, since they were no longer seen on 15 August. Prior to 23 September, about 220 construction workers of the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg were employed at the field. Between 2 and 5 September, 180 convicts arrived and were quartered in the former officers club, which was surrounded by a 3-meter-high barbed wire fence with watch towers. The area was illuminated by searchlights at night. Thirty VP men did guard duty. The convicts were employed for leveling work.
2. There was no air activity at Garz airfield, except for some landings and take-offs by Po-2s. <sup>1</sup>
3. Token and Fishnet-type radar sets were located at the southern edge of the airfield. Four masts, each with a discone-type antenna were observed around the westernmost building, which housed the radar sets. Feed wires extended into this building. Two masts about 20 meters high and interconnected by an antenna were seen northeast of the buildings, which belonged to the radio installations. Several lead-ins branched off from the antenna and led into the buildings. Naval soldiers were observed near all radio installations. <sup>2</sup>
4. Construction work was discontinued because of missing workers. A gang of workers was building 6 mobile watch towers, each about 5 meters high and mounted on sleds. Grading work continued with the available machines. Preparatory work for the establishment of a pumping station and the laying of pipes was still under way at the "Haff", a fresh-water lake adjoining the Baltic sea. Artificial inundation of the field could begin in about 14 days. In mid-September, one gang of workers constructed a pier, about 50 meters long, leading from the southern section of the field into the "Haff". The pipes for the pumping station were to be laid on this pier. It was learned that the required runway mats had arrived at the field.

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5. On 21 September, a column of ZIS sedans [redacted] was observed being followed by truck [redacted] which was occupied by naval officers and soldiers. 25X1  
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6. During the morning of 21 September, 15 to 20 two-axle and three-axle tank trucks moved to the tanks about 500 meters northwest of the guardhouse. The tank trucks shuttled throughout the day and the following two days. It could not be determined if the vehicles brought fuel or had picked it up there. The location of the fuel dump for the airfield is not known. <sup>1</sup>
7. All construction work at Garz airfield was conducted by the VEB Ing Tiefbau Brandenburg, which was given instructions by the Special Construction Bureau in Fuerstenberg. The latter bureau assigned Constructional Engineers Stoll (fnu) and Adam (fnu) to the field. From the Soviet side, work was supervised by Naval Senior Lieutenant Engineer Chukanov (phonetic spelling) (fnu). <sup>3</sup>
1. [redacted] Comment. Available information indicates that a runway presumably 2,500 meters long and covered with runway mats is under construction at Garz airfield. It had been mentioned once before that the target date was fixed for 31 December 1955. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The radio and radar installations were reported for the first time in May 1955. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Senior Lieutenant Chukanov, whose name is reported for the first time, is the representative in Garz of the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder. 25X1

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